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IMPORT TRADE BY COMMODITY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the increase in United States imports for consumption from $1,643.5 million in October to $1,655.1 million in November[1], an increase of about 1 percent, reflected higher levels of imports of crude foodstuffs, manufactured foodstuffs, and semimanufactures, and lower levels of crude materials and finished manufactures.[2] The November 1964 imports for consumption total was about 16 percent higher than the November 1963 total of $1,427.8 million.

Imports for consumption for the first eleven months of 1964 were $16,892.8 million, 9 percent above the $15,502.1 million reported for the corresponding period of 1963.

Imports of crude foodstuffs climbed from $182.1 million in October to $202.6 million in November, as the result of a substantial increase in imports of coffee, from $106.2 to $126.8 million. Imports of manufactured foodstuffs rose from $168.6 to $176.7 million reflecting small increases in imports of most of the individual items included in this economic class. The increase in imports of semimanufactures, from $331.5 to $337.1 million, was due largely to an increase in imports of iron and steel semimanufactures, from $42.7 to $54.1 million.

Imports of crude materials fell from $296.1 million in October to $282.7 million in November, owing chiefly to decreases in imports of cotton, from $9.0 to $0.6 million; crude petroleum, from $90.4 to $82.1 million; zinc, from $7.1 to $1.8 million; and iron ore and concentrates, from $43.5 to $38.3 million. Imports of finished manufactures fell from $665.1 to $655.9 million as decreases in imports of some of the individual commodities included in this economic class were partly offset by increases in imports of others. Some of these changes were American goods returned, from $38.3 to $30.7 million; burlap, from $14.5 to $10.6 million; and steel mill products, from $28.3 to $34.9 million.

[1] See the November 1964 issue of Report No. FT 900-I for seasonally adjusted figures on general imports. Seasonally adjusted data are not available for imports for consumption or on a commodity basis.

[2] Import activity in anticipation of a possible dock strike in December 1964, may be reflected in the November 1964 import data. However, the extent of this influence, if any, is not known to the Bureau of the Census.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report, but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics. However, the statistics may include some merchandise (principally duty-free) which is entered through United States Customs and subsequently exported in the same condition in which imported. In many cases, such merchandise differs from in transit merchandise only in the manner in which it is documented.

VALUATION: Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting country. Import values also exclude United States import duties. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

RELIABILITY: Monthly import statistics for individual commodities are based on full compilation of all formal entry shipments valued $100 and over (over 99 percent of total import value) and are therefore free of sampling variability. They are, however, subject to some error due to the omission of informal entry shipments (i.e. those valued under $250) and under $100 formal entry shipments from commodity statistics, and also from such sources as the carry-over of data from month to month in the compiling process and errors in the reporting or processing. Although the effect of such errors on the rounded totals in this report is probably small, the possibility of inaccuracy should be taken into account particularly in using figures of relatively small magnitude. The largest variation from rounding of figures is $50,000.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, compilation procedures and precision of import data is contained in the foreword of Report No. FT 125. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES
NOVEMBER 1964 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantity in units indicated; value in millions of dollars. Imports for consumption are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus withdrawals for consumption from bonded warehouses. Figures for 1964 are as originally issued have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1963 include all revisions published with the December 1963 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1964. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts.)

Economic class and commodity[1,2]		November 1964	October 1964	November 1963	Monthly average 1963
Total	value	1,655.1	1,643.5	1,427.8	1,417.8
Free	value	617.7	600.5	517.2	522.8
Dutiable	value	1,037.4	1,043.0	910.6	895.0
Crude materials	value	282.7	296.1	238.0	261.7
Hides and skins	value	4.1	3.8	3.9	5.2
Undressed furs	value	4.1	3.7	5.2	9.7
Crude rubber	1,000,000 lb.	89	69	63	72
	value	17.6	14.2	14.3	16.8
Copra	1,000 lb.	92,673	40,544	49,786	43,413
	value	7.2	3.2	3.7	3.2
Tobacco, unmanufactured	1,000 lb.	14,846	16,706	14,737	13,985
	value	9.9	11.2	9.2	8.2
Cotton, unmanufactured	1,000 lb.	9,439	25,008	5,751	11,186
	value	0.6	9.0	0.9	2.3
Jute and jute butts	long tons	1,715	1,892	6,433	6,442
	value	0.3	0.3	1.0	1.1
Sisal and henequen	long tons	7,811	4,728	8,979	7,583
	value	1.6	1.1	2.4	1.8
Wool, unmanufactured, free	(1,000,000 lb.) actual weight	8	9	9	18
	clean content[3]	6	7	7	14
	value	4.7	5.2	5.0	9.6
Wool, unmanufactured, dutiable	(1,000,000 lb.) actual weight	15	10	9	14
	clean content[3]	10	7	7	10
	value	11.2	7.4	6.9	9.3
Pulpwood	value	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.1
Crude petroleum	1,000 bbl.	37,143	40,805	35,610	37,885
	value	82.1	90.4	78.6	85.4
Diamonds, rough or uncut	1,000 carats	160	118	121	146
	value	16.2	12.3	10.5	10.8
Diamonds, for industrial use	1,000 carats	1,949	1,066	1,071	981
	value	6.7	3.9	5.1	4.1
Iron ore and concentrates	1,000 long tons	3,700	4,385	2,980	2,772
	value	38.3	43.5	26.9	26.9
Ferroalloying ores	value	15.7	15.1	9.0	9.1
Copper (copper content)	1,000 lb.	461	1,405	722	3,709
	value	0.1	0.4	0.2	1.1
Lead (lead content)	1,000 lb.	4,343	51,572	5,356	23,140
	value	0.5	4.5	0.5	1.9
Tin (tin content)	long tons	312	357	989	244
	value	0.9	1.1	0.4	0.3
Zinc (zinc content)	1,000 lb.	29,952	113,920	42,826	67,709
	value	1.8	7.1	2.0	2.8
Other nonferrous ores and concentrates	value	12.0	13.2	8.7	10.0
All other crude materials	value	45.1	43.6	41.2	39.8
Crude foodstuffs	value	202.6	182.1	153.3	143.8
Fish and shellfish	value	21.9	24.3	18.7	19.5
Cattle, except for breeding	thousands	74	44	98	69
	value	6.0	5.1	9.0	5.6
Grains	value	2.9	3.8	2.5	2.0
Vegetables, fresh and dried	value	2.8	1.8	2.1	3.7
Bananas	1,000 lb.	275,107	272,684	289,042	290,451
	value	12.7	12.4	6.8	6.8
Cocoa or cacao beans	1,000,000 lb.	42	54	31	53
	value	8.8	11.2	7.2	11.3
Coffee, raw or green	1,000,000 lb.	308	259	289	263
	value	126.8	106.2	88.4	79.6
Tea	1,000 lb.	10,242	10,674	10,571	10,503
	value	4.8	4.9	5.1	4.9
Black pepper, unground	1,000 lb.	3,244	5,576	5,023	3,370
	value	0.9	1.4	1.3	0.9
All other crude foodstuffs	value	15.0	10.9	12.2	9.5

See footnotes at end of table.

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NOVEMBER 1964 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Economic class and commodity[1,2]		November 1964	October 1964	November 1963	Monthly average 1963
Manufactured foodstuffs	value..	176.7	168.6	163.0	166.5
Meat products	value..	32.7	31.5	42.1	44.9
Cheese	1,000 lb..	9,270	6,571	9,702	6,919
	value..	5.6	3.8	4.7	3.1
Fish and shellfish canned, prepared, etc	1,000 lb..	49,788	55,181	51,811	44,620
	value..	16.6	16.8	14.8	13.1
Fodders and feeds	value..	1.3	1.2	1.6	1.4
Cane or beet sugar	1,000,000 lb..	778	827	466	746
	value..	43.4	44.6	31.8	50.9
Molasses	value..	2.7	1.3	2.1	3.7
Whisky	value..	32.6	31.0	28.4	19.1
All other manufactured foodstuffs	value..	42.0	38.5	37.5	30.4
Semimanufactures	value..	337.1	331.5	300.4	312.7
Leather	value..	4.2	4.7	3.9	4.1
Bristles	1,000 lb..	210	282	176	294
	value..	0.7	1.2	0.6	0.9
Expressed oils, inedible	value..	3.6	4.3	3.4	5.0
Quebracho	1,000 lb..	7,072	3,368	4,462	5,054
	value..	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3
Wool semimanufactures	value..	4.3	3.9	5.1	5.9
Sawed boards, planks, deals, etc	value..	29.0	28.5	26.8	30.5
Wood pulp	1,000 short tons..	257	250	225	231
	value..	32.5	32.2	28.2	27.5
Gas and fuel oil	1,000 bbl..	24,429	24,213	21,300	23,163
	value..	49.2	49.6	43.9	48.0
Asbestos	short tons..	4,998	9,255	5,173	37,804
	value..	1.1	1.5	0.9	3.5
Diamonds, cut but not set	1,000 carats..	92	104	84	85
	value..	9.6	10.9	7.9	7.8
Iron and steel semimanufactures	value..	54.1	42.7	35.7	29.2
Aluminum	value..	9.2	11.4	17.9	16.8
Copper (copper content)	1,000,000 lb..	85	99	76	69
	value..	26.3	29.8	23.1	20.5
Lead (lead content)	1,000 lb..	27,477	41,299	42,521	40,133
	value..	3.8	4.8	4.1	3.8
Nickel and alloys	1,000 lb..	19,678	17,077	16,669	20,001
	value..	13.6	12.1	11.9	14.4
Tin	1,000 lb..	4,229	5,483	8,763	8,405
	value..	6.7	8.6	8.9	9.1
Zinc	1,000 lb..	25,154	25,458	22,250	22,535
	value..	3.3	3.0	2.5	2.4
Coal-tar products	value..	5.0	4.2	4.8	4.9
Industrial chemicals	value..	18.9	21.2	20.1	[4]25.1
Fertilizers and materials	1,000 short tons..	239	219	188	205
	value..	7.9	7.1	7.1	7.2
All other semimanufactures	value..	53.5	49.4	43.3	45.9
Finished manufactures	value..	655.9	665.1	573.0	533.2
Leather manufactures	value..	15.2	14.0	11.1	11.9
Essential or distilled oils	value..	2.6	2.3	2.1	2.2
Cotton cloth	1,000 sq. yd..	34,869	44,641	23,144	39,042
	value..	8.5	10.3	5.7	8.9
Other cotton manufactures	value..	16.1	18.1	12.5	14.3
Burlap	1,000 yd..	58,926	90,048	79,466	90,397
	1,000 lb..	47,499	67,576	59,347	63,336
	value..	10.6	14.5	13.0	14.0
Flax, hemp and ramie manufactures	value..	1.4	1.7	1.5	2.5
Wool manufactures	value..	25.6	28.5	26.0	22.4
Silk manufactures	value..	4.7	4.2	4.2	3.9
Shingles	1,000 squares..	250	259	224	238
	value..	2.5	2.7	2.5	2.4
Newsprint	1,000 short tons..	546	527	463	451
	value..	68.6	66.3	58.1	57.3
Other paper manufactures	value..	6.6	7.3	6.3	6.9
Pottery	value..	5.5	6.3	5.3	5.2

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NOVEMBER 1964 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Economic class and commodity[1,2]	November 1963	October 1964	November 1963	Monthly average 1963
Finished manufactures—Continued				
Steel mill products.....value..	34.9	28.3	29.6	30.2
Iron and steel advanced manufactures.....value..	13.5	11.1	10.7	11.5
Agricultural machinery and implements.....value..	12.0	12.0	11.2	14.7
Automobiles and parts.....value..	62.3	63.6	49.4	46.8
Other machinery.....value..	117.8	110.5	86.6	75.3
Vehicles, except automobiles.....value..	19.2	19.1	11.0	16.0
Photographic goods.....value..	9.3	10.3	7.7	6.6
Scientific and professional instruments.....value..	7.4	9.4	6.1	5.4
Musical instruments and parts.....value..	3.7	3.7	3.0	2.5
Toys and sporting goods.....value..	10.6	12.1	11.0	8.8
Watches and watch movements, except parts.....value..	6.6	7.6	6.2	4.8
American goods returned.....value..	[5]30.7	[5]38.3	31.0	25.7
All other finished manufactures.....value..	[5]141.4	[5]146.2	143.5	118.3
Estimated value $1-$99 formal and $1-$250 informal entry shipments[6].....value..	18.7	16.6	17.7	14.6

*Not available. [1]Based on commodity classificotions in Schedule A, Statisticol Clossificotion of Commodities Imported into the United Stotes. A supplement to Report No. FT 930-1 showing the Schedule A numbers included in the individuol economic closs ond commodity totols is ovoiloble on request. [2]The doto in this report for September 1963 ond subsequent periods ore bosed on the clossificotions in the Toriff Schedules of the United Stotes Annototed (TSUSA), on officiol publicotion of the United Stotes Toriff Commission. A supplement to this report showing the Toriff Schedules of the United Stotes, Annototed (TSUSA numbers) included in the economic closses ond individuol commodities is ovoiloble on request. [3]Includes the octuol weight of corbonized wool. [4]Certoin uronium beoring moteriols, formerly clossified under "ferroolloying ores" ore included under "industriol chemicols" beginning with the September 1963 stotistics. The 1963 monthly ond monthly overoge figures shown hove been revised to reflect this chonge. [5]Beginning September 1964, doto on imports of TSUSA number 8070020 (Volue of foreign products in orticles ossembled obrood), formerly clossified under "oll other finished monufoctures" in this report, ond doto on imports of TSUSA number 8070040 (Volue of U.S. products in orticles ossembled obrood), formerly clossified under "American goods returned", ore included in this report under the leoding commodities under which the fully ossembled orticles would be properly reported. The doto shown for periods prior to September hove not been revised ot this time to reflect these chonges. For further informotion, see the September 1964 issue of Report No. FT 125. [6]This estimote is subject to o sompling voriotion of obout 3 percent of the estimoted volue shown. For on explonotion of the sompling procedures used in estimoting, see foreword of Report No. FT 110.

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